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OBJECT 1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time.

2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.

EDITORIALS

HOW CHRISTMAS BECAME MERRY

IN the dark ages following the fall of Rome the celebration of Christmas lost most of its mirth: Calvary was remembered and Bethlehem forgotten. The people went to church on Christmas Day, but the service was as solemn and the church as sombre as on Good Friday. Their eyes were filled with the pale, bleeding form of a dying man and not with the rosy, red face of a new-born babe. How could they be merry then?

But in 1223 Bethlehem was re-discovered. Late in that year a little wandering preacher persuaded the pastor of a village near his home to let him use the parish church to celebrate Christmas with the poor country people. So on Christmas Eve this little monk and his friends made a manger in the chancel, filled it with hay, borrowed an ox and an ass from a farmer, pulled and pushed the protesting animals up the aisle, and arranged them as if in a stable. After all was in place, they coaxed a nursing mother to lay her little baby in the hay and to sit beside it, while the delighted peasants flocked in to see Bethlehem again.

Then this preacher taught the people to sing carols, simple little songs sometimes set to jolly dance-tunes which everybody knew. The learned and starched clergy said Francis was crazy: the common people said he was a saint, and followed him. So Christmas became merry again.

A SALUTE TO THE INNKEEPER

MAN is a wandering animal. Moving out of his cave to the fields was one of the first signs that he was becoming civilized. When he took to living in tents it was easy for him to travel, for he could fold his home, gather together his sheep and goats—which were also his breakfast, dinner and supper—and move on. But as time passed he built more substantial homes of wood and stone so that when he traveled he had to depend for lodging upon the hospitality of strangers. Thus arose the innkeeper to provide the traveler with a home away from home.

There are two famous innkeepers in the Bible. The best known is the Good Samaritan's helper, one of the heroes of the parable of that name. The other is the innkeeper of Bethlehem, who likewise was true to the best traditions of the trade in seeking out a place for the Holy Family to sleep. Please, good preachers, don't malign him this year when you preach from the text, "There was no room for them in the inn." He was not to blame that his hotel was crowded; and the place he found for the blessed Mother was much better than a dusty road or an open field for a baby to be born in.

Hail to you, unknown and unhonored Innkeeper of Bethlehem! We are sentimental enough to be glad that you sent Joseph and Mary to the stable. Is there any follower of her Son who doesn't rejoice that the Saviour of the world was not born in a hotel bed-room?

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The Bishop's Message

*"NO war, or battle's sound
Was heard the world around:
The idle spear and shield were high uphung;
The hookèd chariot stood
Unstained with hostile blood . . ."*

So, 300 years ago, wrote England's John Milton in his poem, *On the Morning of Christ's Nativity*. As the years roll and we celebrate that great morn, how different are the conditions of the world. On Christmas, 1863, our own poet, Longfellow, contrasted the condition of the world with the Christmas message:

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"*

A quarter of a century ago the warring condition was with us again; and today we have the most awful and devastating war that ever visited our earth. The faith of the poet, "The Wrong shall fail, the Right prevail," is our sustaining faith today.

Christmas still should be our happiest day. Be of good cheer. Deck your homes. Fill your churches with beautiful emblems of festivity. Give gifts to your friends. And bounteously remember those that have less than you. Celebrate the birthday of your King—not heedlessly, but joyously, as befits the follower of Him who bids us "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

In an old edition of one of our church papers is a prayer that should be on every lip and rise from loving hearts:

"O Christ, make us thankful today for Thee, our choicest Gift, our dearest Guest. Let not our souls be busy inns that have no room for Thee or Thine, but quiet homes of prayer and praise where Thou mayest find fit company; where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away and wide sweet spaces kept for Thee; where holy thoughts pass up and down and fervent longings watch and wait Thy coming, so when Thou comest again Thou mayest find all things ready and Thy family waiting for no new master, but for one long loved and known. Even so come, Lord Jesus."



THE RT. REV. FRANCIS
M. TAITT, S.T.D.

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BISHOP'S 80th Birthday PLANS ARE COMPLETE

Governor, Presiding Bishop Expected
to Join in Festivities Arranged to
Honor Beloved Leader of the Diocese

BISHOP TAITT'S 80th birthday party will take place on Monday, January 5.

The first event in the celebration will be a dinner, for which 2000 invitations have been issued. This will be in the Ballroom of the Penn Athletic Club at 6 P. M.

The celebration will reach its climax at the second event—the presentation of the Thanksgiving Offering, which, it is hoped, will reach \$100,000—in Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Streets, at 8:30 P. M.

These are the plans, broadly speaking, as they have been laid by the committee headed by the Very Rev. Charles W. Shreiner, dean of Chester Convocation and headmaster of the Church Farm School.

In detail the program looks even more impressive.

A large group of distinguished guests, headed by Governor Arthur M. James and his wife, is expected. Included on the guest list are the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, Presiding Bishop, who will bring greetings from the National Council and the National Church; the Rev. Canon Ernest C. Earp, D.D., rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, who will officially represent the clergy of the Diocese; Roland S. Morris, Chancellor of the Diocese and former Ambassador to Japan, who will speak for the laity; accumulated congratulatory telegrams and letters will be presented by a prominent Philadelphia official.

Samuel F. Houston, one of the foremost laymen of the Diocese, will preside at the dinner as toastmaster.

Following the dinner the guests will repair to Holy Trinity Church for the second part of the celebration.

Led by St. Peter's famous choir of men and boys under the direction of Harold W. Gilbert, one of the most impressive and colorful ecclesiastical processions marshalled here in many years will march into Holy Trinity to begin the service of presentation.

A check for the total of the offering, representing an outpouring of love and thanksgiving from the people of the diocese for the life and work of Bishop Taitt, will be presented to the Bishop by Dean Shreiner and by the Very Rev. Granville Taylor, for the Bishop's Birth-

Important . . .

The committee in charge of Bishop Taitt's 80th birthday celebration desires it to be understood that cards of admission to the presentation service in Holy Trinity Church Monday evening, January 5, will be issued to subscribers to the Bishop's birthday dinner and guests. Only after they have been seated can the few remaining seats be made generally available.

day Committee. The Bishop in turn will present the check to R. Alexander Montgomery, chairman of the Board of Managers of Episcopal Hospital.

Officiating clergy in the presentation service will be the Rev. Dr. Franklin Joiner, rector of St. Clement's Church and president of the Standing Committee, and the Rev. Dr. E. Frank Salmon, rector of Holy Trinity Church. Bishop Taitt is expected to make the address.

The entire personnel of the committee which has in charge the details of the celebration follows:

Chairman: Very Rev. Charles W. Shreiner, D.D.

Deans of the Convocations: Very Rev. Frank W. Bonyng, South Philadelphia; Very Rev. N. Herbert Caley, Germantown; Very Rev. J. M. Niblo, D.D., Norristown; Very Rev. P. R. Stockman, North Philadelphia; Very Rev. Granville Taylor, D.D., West Philadelphia.

Representing the Standing Committee: Rev. Franklin Joiner, D.D., and Rev. Nathanael B. Groton.

Representing Executive Council: Samuel F. Houston and C. Fenno Hoffman.

Representing the Woman's Auxiliary: Mrs. Francis R. Packard and Mrs. J. Holcombe Genung.

Rev. W. B. Stimson Joins Army

The Rev. William B. Stimson, who resigned as rector of St. Mary's, Hamilton Village, on September 30, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the army chaplains' corps and has been ordered to duty as of December 13. He is attached to the 30th Infantry Division, Fort Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

British Missions Offering Scheduled for January 18

The 1942 offering for aid to British Missions will be taken in the parishes and missions of the Diocese on Sunday, January 18, it is announced by the Bishop's Committee in charge of the enterprise. Letters and literature together with offering envelopes will be available immediately after Christmas.

The Rev. Michael Coleman, acting vicar of All Hallows Church, oldest church in all England, which has been razed by German bombs, will speak in the interest of the offering at St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, Thursday evening, January 8, at 8 o'clock.

The offering will be taken in the parishes on the third Sunday in January and the presentation service will be held in old Christ Church at 8 P. M., Tuesday, January 27. The preacher at the presentation will be the Rev. Theodore P. Ferris, rector of Emmanuel Church, Baltimore. The committee is headed by the Rev. E. Felix Kloman.

Synod Urges Observance Of Communion Anniversary

The following resolution was adopted at the Provincial Synod of Washington, meeting in the city of Washington, October 21-23:

"WHEREAS: The first known celebration of the Holy Communion in the first permanent English settlement in America occurred on the Third Sunday after Trinity in the year 1607; and

"WHEREAS: The last General Convention passed unanimously a resolution recommending 'that this date be observed annually throughout the Church as occasion and convenience may permit'; therefore, be it

"RESOLVED: That this Synod urges upon the clergy that special celebrations of the Holy Communion be held in all churches each year on the Third Sunday after Trinity, and that the attention of the congregations be called to the memorial significance of the same."

Rare Gift to St. David's, Radnor

A hand-spun and hand-woven super-frontal of linen and pillow lace, the gift of Mrs. John Hampton Barnes, of Devon, was dedicated recently at St. David's, Radnor. Mrs. Barnes made the gift in memory of her aunt, Mrs. Emily Kearny de Nancrede, whose birthday was on All Saints' Day. Mrs. de Nancrede was the wife of the Rev. Harry de Nancrede, who for 40 years was honorary Canon of the Anglican Church in Rome. He was an authority on fine lace, and this particular piece, which is irreplaceable and priceless, was the super-frontal of his private altar in Rome. After his death the Italian executors sent this lace to Mrs. Barnes.

UNITED CHARITIES PLANS *All-out* DRIVE

25,000 Enrollment Sought in Largest Mobilization in Campaign's History — Robert Dechert, Prominent Churchman, Is General Chairman

UNDER the leadership of Robert Dechert, general chairman, the 1942 United Charities Campaign promises to be the largest mobilization of volunteers in the campaign's history. Its objective is the enrollment of a minimum of 25,000 men and women who, within a period of two weeks, will call on their neighbors and ask them to subscribe to the annual appeal.

Several years ago the enrollment of so many public-spirited men and women would have seemed a gigantic task, and so it was, but more than 16,000 volunteers participated in the successful 1941 campaign, and there are at least two major reasons why this winter's appeal, which opens on Sunday, January 25, must be an "all-out" campaign.

One is that the admission of five new agencies to membership in the campaign during the present year will make it necessary to substantially increase the goal over that of the 1941 campaign, which raised \$3,807,000.

These new member agencies include the Y. M. C. A. of Philadelphia, with its seven branches serving approximately 100,000 young men and boys; Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital, one of the community's leading centers for training Negro physicians; Philadelphia Mouth Hygiene Association, providing dental treatment for low income groups unable to meet usual charges; Cresmont Day Nursery School, in the Old York Road section, and Philadelphia Psychiatric Hospital.

The other is that, as the shadow of war grows and ever greater demands are made on the nation's productive power, our private charities assume more vital roles. This is especially true in a key production area such as Philadelphia. The reason is apparent.

Success of our defense program does not depend on materials alone, but primarily on the men and women who produce them, on their skills, their physical fitness, and their morale. Together the 141 United Charities agencies—family societies, hospitals, child care, youth training, homes for the aged and handicapped, and many others—are, next to our churches and schools, the

community's greatest resources for building morale, for preserving faith in American democracy.

They do this by—

Extending a helping hand to men and women in distress, who otherwise forgotten by their neighbors and denied assistance and friendly counsel, might well ask themselves, "Is America worth fighting for?"

Assisting in the rehabilitation of families, thus strengthening democracy at its foundation and preventing the wastage and tragedy which follows in the wake of broken homes.

Preventing through early diagnosis and treatment the conditions which lead to physical breakdown and dependency.

Preparing youth through wholesome recreation and character-building for the responsibilities of citizenship.

Maintaining homes and workshops for the aged and handicapped, and many other personal services which recognize the welfare of the individual, regardless of race or creed, as a responsibility of the community.

In times such as the present, when our sympathies are aroused by the needs of suffering humanity abroad, the United Charities Campaign is a reminder that here at home we have a continuing responsibility to help the unfortunate and handicapped, to safeguard the welfare of children, to maintain those standards of community welfare which have grown through the years.

The United Charities Campaign is not just another campaign. Rather it is 141 campaigns in one, an established event on the Philadelphia calendar when the community makes provision for a system of essential private welfare agencies which each year assist, in some manner, one in five of our people. It is no "Winterhilfe" such as we read about in Hitler's Germany, for the work of campaign agencies continues throughout the entire year.

And there is no "Must Give" about the United Charities Campaign, for no "party" man will call and say "your share is . . ." Giving is entirely voluntary, a personal matter between the individual and his conscience, an expression of the spirit of a free people.

Church Periodical Club

At this season many C. P. C. branches are packing Christmas boxes for missionary workers, including new books desired by the recipients.

A welcome new C. P. C. branch has been organized in St. Clement's parish; would that more parishes might follow.

In "running the race," what a comfort it is to have someone with a sense of humor at meetings. The writer of the following lines can always be depended upon for a humorous word at the right moment.

It may be well to explain the verses beforehand. A yearly "report blank" is sent to each diocesan president and to every parish secretary. Many items require answers in figures, and so often these are filled in, "Many" or "Few"; the reports must be returned on a certain date so that the final report can reach the national office on another certain date, hence the suspense of waiting and wondering what has happened when the "dead line" is nigh and no report.

THE HUNTING OF THE SEC.

(Apologies to Lewis Carroll)

*Every day I persist in revising the list
Although it will never be right.
I enter a name and cancel the same
And dream of them all through the night.*

*Secretaries rotate, leaving me to my fate.
Successors are rarely revealed.
"Who's Who" in November, is out in
December,
Identities closely concealed.*

*We strive all in vain reports to explain,
For some of them come very late.
And many refuse the figures to use,
"Expenditures" addle the pate.*

*"Some" added to "Few"—if only we knew
The total this sum should convey.
In vain we lament the literature sent
Which may have been lost on the way.*

*"Remailed" and "Subscriptions" throw us
in conniptions,
Is "Music" in record or sheet?
"Theology" roams from "Forward" to
tomes,
"Miscellaneous" parries defeat.*

*Whenever they say, "Reports due today,"
The C. P. C.'ll seek me in vain.
I'll swiftly and silently vanish away
And never be heard of again.*

SARAH MAYO OPPENHEIMER
President, Church Periodical Club
Diocese of Virginia.

"This portable quality of good humor seasons all the parts and occurrences we meet with in such a manner that there are no moments lost, but they all pass with so much satisfaction that the heaviest of loads, when it is a load, that of time, is never felt by us."—Steele.

MARY M. H. ONYX.

The GIRLS' *Friendly* SOCIETY

By MADELEINE T. SPIESS

Diocesan President and National Vice-President-at-Large

DECEMBER! And the Girls' Friendly Society is in a whirlwind of activity with its Christmas projects, war relief work, and district conference.

The Christmas projects for this year, under the Christian Social Relations Committee, are three-fold. The Harrison Home at Episcopal Hospital will receive kit bags for its men and women. The members of the GFS will make these of gaily-colored cretonne and will fill them with such useful articles as postcards, tooth paste, pencil and paper, cleansing tissues and tobacco. The Candidates, those of our organization young in age and great in deed, have made themselves especially responsible for twenty-five stockings and toys for the children of the hospital. The GFS has an ever-increasing interest in the work at Byberry and this year will provide educational toys for children there. For the Elizabeth Price Martin League the GFS will assemble at least 100 brightly wrapped packages containing articles similar to those sent to Harrison Home. Each Branch provides as many as it can, and these are given to the Philadelphia General Hospital.

Miss M. Atherton Leach, chairman of our Auxiliary to the Seamen's Church Institute, again will be hostess for the annual diocesan ingathering of gifts to the men of the sea at her home, 2118 Spruce Street, from 3 to 6 o'clock, on Friday and Saturday afternoons, December 19 and 20. Miss Leach is glad to welcome all members of the GFS to see the display of knitted garments and canned goods, dry groceries, magazines, books and smokes contributed by the Branches.

Christmas activities will culminate in a Younger Members' informal dance at Memorial Hall, University of Pennsylvania, on January 2. This event is sponsored entirely by themselves and managed by a committee of seven girls.

Miss Edith Naysmith, of St. Mark's, Frankford, has accepted appointment as chairman of the Committee on Christian Social Relations, a part of the Activities Department. She begins her work by asking for generous co-operation in all the Christmas projects listed above.

The various groups working for British War Relief, the Seamen's Church Institute and other agencies for service men will be interested in the following letter, which recently was forwarded to the diocesan office:

Correction . . .

In reporting the G. F. S. Diocesan Council meeting at Christ Church in the November issue of THE CHURCH NEWS, it was erroneously stated that Wallace M. Pennepacker, Philadelphia Divinity School student, assisted the Very Rev. Frank W. Bonyng in the communion service.

The Rev. Thomas Parker, rector of St. Paul's Church, 15th and Porter Streets, assisted Dean Bonyng.

"Dear friends:

"While berthed in Philadelphia recently as a member of the crew of a ship of the British Merchant Navy, I received a pair of sea socks knitted by a member of your Society. As there was no name of the kind person who knitted the gift, which I found exceedingly comfortable on the homeward trip, would you please accept this as a most grateful expression of thanks both to your Society and to many friends I made in Philadelphia. My very best wishes to the G. F. Society.

"Yours sincerely,

"HARRY BOOTH, *Yorks, England.*"

This young Yorkshireman is not the only one who would like to say, "Thank you," personally for gifts received, so slip a card into the sweater or socks you knit.

All of the five district conferences have been held to date, namely, Germantown, Schuylkill Valley, West and South Philadelphia. Mrs. Otto Pollak, a charming Viennese, was guest speaker at the former at St. Luke's, Germantown, on November 10. She told of her experiences as a refugee and what America means to these newcomers. This was followed by a series of folk dances in which young and old alike participated.

This Changing World was the theme of the Schuylkill Valley Conference at St. David's, Manayunk, on November 15. Mrs. Robert C. Belleville of Yardley was a speaker.

The growing need for building up and maintaining good health as one of the most important phases of the national defense effort offers members of the

Girls' Friendly Society an unusual opportunity for service, Miss Mary Townsend, of the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office, told delegates to the West Philadelphia Conference. Positions as nurses' aides, air raid wardens, motor corps drivers, stenographers, interviewers and speakers are waiting volunteers to fill them, Miss Townsend said.

Mrs. Pollak, who spoke at the Germantown Conference, also addressed the South Philadelphia Conference, to which the old St. Paul's Branch, City Mission, was host.

The North Philadelphia Conference was held at St. Nathanael's Church on the 35th birthday of the hostess Branch. Miss Florence Newbold, headmistress of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington (N. J.) school for girls and one-time executive secretary of G. F. S.-U. S. A., was the speaker. Her inspiring address on *Vocations and Avocations* was based upon St. Paul's "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, endeavoring to keep unity in the bond of peace and righteousness through fellowship one with another." The emphasis of her talk was placed on developing the capacity for fellowship. J.S.

Christ Church (Old Swedes') Gets 10th Memorial Window

The tenth and final window completing a series of memorial installations in the nave of Christ Church (Old Swedes'), Upper Merion, was dedicated by the Rev. James Hart Lamb, Jr., rector, on November 2, in memory of John Frederick and Frances Wentzel Himmelsbach, parents of the donor and designer, Mrs. P. H. Balano, well-known stained glass artist and member of the parish.

The new window is at the left of the entrance to the church and has as its subjects SS. Luke and John and their Christian symbols, the ox and the eagle. St. Luke, patron of art, holds a drawing of the Virgin Mary in his left hand and a brush in his right. At the top of the window is a harp encircled by a laurel wreath, symbolizing music. One of Mrs. Balano's parents was an artist, the other a musician. The colors are of unusual beauty.

Language Lure for Singers

A novel experiment in an effort to build up its English choir is being carried on at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary, Broad and South Streets, which recently advertised that it would exchange lessons in Italian for the services of singers at the 11 o'clock services on Sunday mornings.

The Italian classes are conducted by the Rev. Dr. Thomas E. della Cioppa, associate vicar, who is not only a recognized American authority on Italian language and literature, but also an experienced teacher.

The YOUNG PEOPLE'S *Fellowship*

By JEAN H. SPARKMAN
Chairman of Publicity

NOVEMBER has been quiet in diocesan fellowship activities, but parochial and convocational groups have been busy. Two events were sponsored by the diocesan Y. P. F., one planned by the Service Committee, the other by the Worship Committee.

The Service Committee, led by Mary Boggs, sponsored the annual visit to Episcopal Hospital on November 8. The 35 Y. P. F. visitors assembled in the chapel where a divinity student conducted a short prayer service. Dr. Lucius R. Wilson, the superintendent of the hospital, welcomed the visitors, who were then taken downstairs where refreshments were served. Split into several groups, each led by a supervisor or nurse, the visitors were taken on a tour of the hospital—Harrison Home, the surgical dressing rooms, the Children's Ward, and other parts of this wonderful institution—reassembling in the chapel at the end of the tour.

The following day, Sunday, November 9, at 8 A. M., Milton Parfitt and his Worship Committee sponsored a Corporate Communion at St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street above Chestnut, with the Rev. Herbert W. Jones, minister-in-charge, as celebrant. Thirty-six attended the service and breakfasted together afterward. It seems a shame that more young people do not take advantage of these yearly diocesan Y. P. F. Corporate Communions. They renew our spiritual strength and draw those who participate closer in fellowship.

Last year the Diocesan Service Project was to raise \$500 for the Episcopal Hospital. In spite of time and effort expended we raised only \$400. This year before any other project is started we intend to raise the other \$100 so that the plan suggested by the hospital may go through—that if we raised \$500, the hospital would match it and renovate two surgical dressing rooms.

The Young People's Fellowship feels that since money is being raised by and for so many different organizations, that other than making up our additional \$100 for the Episcopal Hospital we shall not engage in a money raising project this year. All the details of our Service project have not been decided upon as yet but we know that it will involve time and effort in visiting and entertaining at some of the institutions in our Diocese.

Please keep in mind the date of our Annual Diocesan Dance at the Penn Athletic Club, Saturday, January 10, and make every effort to be present with some of your friends.

The Y. P. F. of the Diocese is planning to give full support to the plans and activities of the United Movement of the Church's Youth. Many of our young people will be present at the Youth Convention at Christ Church on Saturday, December 6.

Northwest Convocation had the largest and most important convocational young people's affair in the last two months—a Youth Service at Christ Church and St. Michael's on October 26.

There were five ministers present. The Rev. Albert F. Fischer, Jr., and the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach officiated and William Bishop and George Monroe took part in the service. The Rev. J. Clemens Kolb, chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania, preached on "Religion and Romance." After the service cider and cookies were served in the parish house.

The parish house of St. Mary's, Hamilton Village, was the scene of the West Philadelphia Convocation Rally on Tuesday evening, November 4. An inspiring address on "Our Redemptive Faith" by

the Rev. Canon James H. Jacobson, Jr., pastor to Episcopal students at the University of Pennsylvania, emphasized the use of prayer and the Sacraments. The evening was concluded with dancing and refreshments.

West Philadelphia is inaugurating a point system which is radically different from the one used for the last two years to determine which parochial Y. P. F. group was the most active. The groups will be rated on interest, sincerity, and improvement, and all figures will be on a percentage basis. All records will be in the hands of a committee made up of the clergy and lay advisers, the convocation chairman, and two other impartial members. No standings will be known until the end of the year.

On October 25, Chester Convocation had a successful modern hay ride and barn dance. The hay wagon was tractor-drawn.

Central Convocation had a successful rally on October 23. On November 1, Central tried something a bit new to fellowship circles—a poverty dance. Those attending were dressed in the oldest and most worn-out clothes they could find. Everyone had a marvelous time.

Many clergymen have been welcomed as friends by the Young People's Fellowship, but few have been loved by the young people as the Rev. Robert C. Hubbs has been. So it is with real sorrow and sincere regret that we must say goodbye to Father Hubbs, who is leaving the Diocese to become rector of a parish in Newark, N. J. We wish him every success in his new field and hope that the Young People's Fellowship of the Diocese of Newark will seek him as an adviser, love him as a friend, and appreciate him as highly as we of Pennsylvania have.

Corporation Seeks to Arouse Interest and Support For Christian Work Among Collegians in Diocese

Do you know that there are 2,600 Episcopal students in the colleges and universities located within the Diocese of Pennsylvania? This number does not include those taking nurses' training, those in art schools or private and secondary schools.

These 2,600 students represent the cream of the crop, those who in the future are most likely to be called to places of responsibility; and yet only one-third of them are receiving adequate spiritual guidance. College years are bright years, but they are also formative, critical years in which the influence of the Church and the clergy are needed especially.

The Diocese was convinced of the critical nature of college work when at its Convention last May it authorized a Corporation for Christian Work in Educational Institutions, Diocese of

Pennsylvania. The Corporation, now in process of incorporating, believes:

- 1) College work is important.
- 2) Every college and university ought to have a chaplain.
- 3) The college chaplain should not only be allowed to live and preach religion, but to teach it.
- 4) The influence of the Church in the college should do more than prevent students from losing religion; it should help them find it.
- 5) The Church should make religious experience in college possible by the support of college chaplains, who in turn will provide the personal leadership, the religious teaching, the worship—that is: the environment in which students can awake to the reality of God.

The Corporation not only holds these beliefs but now seeks to convert 80,000

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RELIGIOUS Education

DEPARTMENT

By ELIZABETH P. FRAZIER
Field Secretary

AS mothers, fathers and teachers look forward to Christmas for our boys and girls this year, we are acutely aware of the suffering, hunger and want in this war-torn world. We are fortunate to be able to celebrate Christmas in the same manner as we have in past years. It fills us with a desire to make this Christmas season mean as much as possible.

What can we do? We can talk over with our children the kind of gifts and greetings Jesus would like on His birthday—His wishes for mankind that we Christians are bound to carry out. We can identify ourselves with the peoples of various countries by singing the carols of France, Germany, Russia, England and others. We can see that some refugee or stranger in our country is not lonely this Christmas. We can make a special Christmas donation to relief committees for China, Britain, Russia, etc. We can have special prayers, such as this one from the December number of *Children's Religion* by Frances M. Hill:

We thank thee, God, for the candlelight
and spicy pine;
For holly wreaths and stars that shine.
We thank thee, God, for joy and peace
within our land;
For loving friends who understand.
We pray, O God, for children just across
the sea
Who may not have such gaiety.
We ask thee, God, to help us find a way
to share
Our love with others everywhere. *Amen.*

THE third annual Diocesan Winter Conference will be held on five consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning January 13. Classes as usual will be held in Church House and Holy Trinity Parish House, and dinner will be served at a nominal price.

This year's program offers a variety of courses of value to teachers, choir-masters, church workers, young people and other interested laymen.

The purpose of the conference is to further the work of the Church by education and inspiration. Among the twelve courses in the School of Church Life are *Times of Upheaval in Church History*, *We Can Pray*, *Christ the Man*, *Social Message of the Prophets*, *Racial Understanding*, *The Parish in Action*.

There will be six courses in the Graduate School, which is open to those who

have taken a number of courses previously. They will include *Worship*, *Faith*, *Implications of the Malvern Conference* and advanced courses in education.

In the School of Youth there will be courses on *Worship*, *Study* and *Youth in a Changing World*. For the musical the School of Music offers courses in *Appreciation of Church Music*, *The Congregation and Hymns* and *The Anglican Chants*. Church School teachers and leaders will find a course in the School of Education to answer their problems, for every age group is covered. In addition to these there will be a course on the use of handcraft in the Church School.

Since a large enrollment is anticipated, you are urged to enroll on receipt of the program the last week in December.

News Notes

Youth delegates from parishes and missions all over the Diocese gathered at Christ Church on Saturday, December 6, to discuss the responsibilities of Christian young people in the world today and the part they can play in the United Movement of the Church's Youth as it goes into its second year.

The first Diocesan Youth Conference was held last May, and the Youth Commission, under the leadership of the Rev. T. Norman Mason, feels the response to its suggestions has been good. At this conference suggestions were given for the observance of Reunion Week from December 28 to January 4 in each parish. Youth groups are planning to have special services and social gatherings for boys and girls returning from schools and colleges, army and navy stations and defense industries for the holidays.

Reports from our Christmas box secretaries on gifts from our church schools to children in other church schools and institutions in our Diocese and to domestic and foreign missions indicate an impressive total of 2500 gifts going to diocesan missions and institutions and 500 gifts and \$100 for the purchase of other gifts to go outside the Diocese.

The Bookshelf

One Prophet—and Another, by ETHEL CUTLER. The Woman's Press. \$1.50.

Those who studied under Miss Cutler at the Diocesan Normal School and Winter Conference last year will be interested to know that the book she was writing at that time has been published. They will want to read it. The foreword was written by the Rev. Harvey D. Butterfield, who was her rector last year when she was studying at Pendle Hill. He describes the book so well by saying, "With deep fidelity to the discoveries of modern historical research, with which she is thoroughly competent to deal, Miss Cutler has produced a series of living pictures of some of the greatest masters of life." Beginning with Moses, the author presents "line drawings" (her own nomenclature) of the great characters of the Bible, culminating with a beautiful sketch of Jesus. In the back of the book are suggestions for further study and for using these line drawings in services and meditations. This little book stands many rereadings and brings new meaning to these great characters.

E. P. Martin League to Cheer Patients at Phila. General

The Elizabeth Price Martin League for Service has planned its usual Christmas giving at Philadelphia General Hospital and is looking forward again to the generous cooperation of its friends.

The packages will be distributed among the patients in the hospital on Christmas morning. Gifts of money to help provide the packages, or contributions of articles to be included in them should be sent to Mrs. Patrick Doyle, 1112 South 53d Street, not later than December 20.

Packages for women patients should contain wash cloths, cleansing tissues, scented soap, talcum and some soft candy.

Packages for men should contain the same except that tobacco and pipe, or cigarettes, may be substituted for candy.

A long list of special requests for different departments in the hospital includes:

Flannel nightgowns, flower vases, potted plants, checkers and checker boards, magazine and newspaper subscriptions, unbreakable drinking glasses, magazine racks, water pitchers or jugs, playing cards and Christmas tree ornaments.

For the children's department are needed 8-inch plates, colorful nursery rocking ducks or other animals, nursery chairs and tables for 2-year-olds, play pens on rollers, rattles, rubber dolls or animals.

Now that you have read this story, you know what a big job the League has assigned itself this year. Won't you help us put it over?

MATILDA P. FOX,
Chairman.

A Message from the President

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS to you all and a New Year crowded with work and renewed effort.

The following are our immediate concerns:

The United China Relief drive that is being conducted now is primarily the responsibility of every Church woman. We may have given already but the need continues. Pearl Buck's description in the *Reader's Digest* of the thousands dying for want of medical supplies and countless others undergoing operations without anesthetics forces us to face the grim facts. Our gifts can be sent to the United China Relief marked for "Bishop Tucker's World Relief Fund," for China; also through the Church Committee for China Relief.

Another question that presents itself to Church women is: What are our churches doing for service men? Hospitality is being offered, but where can they be sure of a quiet place to spend an evening, have a simple meal, perhaps, and make contacts that will lead to spiritual help? St. James's Church, 22nd and Walnut Streets, is opening its parish house every Sunday evening for just this purpose. St. Barnabas, Germantown, also has provided a special service for Negro soldiers and sailors.

We hope that something like this can be done more and more where there is a need, that parish auxiliaries will cooperate to the fullest extent, and that individual women will offer their services and gifts.

Through membership in the Women's Interdenominational Union, the Woman's Auxiliary is a cooperating agency in the Civilian Defense, so nothing will be done without a full knowledge of the whole situation. A committee under the Department of Christian Social Relations has been formed, headed by Mrs. James T. Davis, assisted by Mrs. Everett Brown, so that anyone who wishes to help may communicate with either of these women.

We are offered still another opportunity for service which will help Episcopal Hospital. A course will be available in January to train women and girls as assistants in the various departments in the hospital. They will be known as Gray Ladies, an arm of the American Red Cross. Episcopal Hospital has asked for 50 women. The course is free to women between the ages of 25 and 65. Communicate with Mrs. John M. Carter, 511 North Broad Street.

A course to train women as nurses' aides also will be given. Information about this can be obtained from Red Cross headquarters.

The emphasis in the Forward in Service program at this season is on Prayer and Worship in the Home, following the Advent School of Prayer, which is being held in many parishes.

MRS. FRANCIS R. PACKARD

The Mission Shop

Will those to whom the Mission Shop is already an old story please *not* read this article, but pass it along to a friend who has not heard of us and thereby give us a boost.

To begin at the beginning—Mrs. Packard reorganized the shop last spring and asked me to undertake the Chairmanship. Completely green but enthusiastic, I gathered around me a few other volunteers who were excited about its possibilities. We are now organized for the sole purpose of marketing goods from our own missions at home and abroad.

First, we painted and pepped up the shop; then, I ordered consignments from the various missions, and then I worried. I was fearful that our mission

goods would be hideous and discouraging. I can truthfully say that I covet 90 percent of the merchandise in the shop and it all comes from our own missions—from southern mountain handloomed rugs and patch-work quilts to Indian bead work and exquisite handwoven grass linen from China, possibly the last available for many years.

Come in and look and be convinced that *mission goods can be attractive!*

We opened on October 15 and to date we have sold more than \$500 worth of these products of our missions.

Even though the date is late, as you read this, there must be some gifts you've neglected to buy for Christmas, so please give your own church missions a chance to fill that need.

The study classes last year were on the Migrants and on China. We are trying to keep up your interest in them

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by selling their Christmas cards, pins, tea, etc. If we sell all 70 dozen migrant cards at \$1 a dozen (70 cents of each dollar goes straight to the cause) we fulfill our obligation to the Home Missions Council to help them put another worker into that field. Please don't let us have to return them unsold. Incidentally, they are lovely.

As our plans develop, I hope the shop will be an outlet for occupational therapy products from our diocesan institutions. Five institutions already have sent work to us, but our goal is 100 percent representation.

This is more than a Christmas reminder. This is a ten-year plan, and we need the help of many more interested and responsible workers as well as a larger group of buyers.

Please advertise us and bring your friends to

The Mission Shop Church House

Entrance at 217½ South 20th Street

JEAN W. TROWBRIDGE,
Chairman

Education

"Our faith and our daily life have drifted apart."

These are the words of Toyokio Kagawa, who adds, "We have centralization of wealth; concentration of property in a few hands; the profit motive in commerce and industry; and class struggle. Christian churches are weak and impotent in the face of this great social and industrial chaos. Why? Because we are not bearing the fruit of what Christ taught."

The opening sentence is the crux of what is wrong in the world today. Let us have open hearts and unprejudiced minds and souls athirst for truth as we pursue our study of *Christianity and World Order* this winter.

Thirty women, representing twenty parishes, are enrolled in the fall training class for leaders. The class is fortunate to have as leader Mrs. Elton Fortiner, Educational Secretary of the Diocese of Newark.

Two more opportunities for leadership training in the special mission study will occur this winter—an evening class at the Diocesan Winter Conference on five successive Tuesdays beginning January 13 and an afternoon class at Church House beginning

AUXILIARY

MRS. SAMUEL P. FELIX

Wednesday, January 7. Keep these dates in mind.

Registration at the Educational Conference was most encouraging and speaks a busy and profitable winter, if each one who attended lives up to her profession as a lay worker in the Church. One hundred ninety-three women representing 79 parishes can accomplish great things if our work for Christ's Kingdom comes first. "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God."

A member of last year's mission study class at St. Aidan's, Cheltenham, returned her text books just recently, apologizing for the delay. She had sent them all to England where her relatives and many of their friends read them with great interest. Because of the shortage of paper, reading matter is not too plentiful abroad.

ANN P. JEFFERYS

Foreign Committee

At the November meeting of the committee, Mrs. Bayard M. Stewart, recently returned from fifteen years' service in the Philippines, told in a delightfully spirited manner of her work at St. Luke's Hospital, Manila, and of the many opportunities for work among the natives and our own people.

A full discussion of the new plan for pledges, as outlined by Mrs. Marmaduke Tilden, former chairman of the Foreign Committee and now chairman of the newly organized Department of Missions, will be conducted at the December 17 meeting.

JOSEPHINE POE DUE

Negro Committee

The Bishop Tuttle Training School, Raleigh, N. C., is closed for the present due to lack of funds, the Rev. J. Alvin Russell, D.D., principal of St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Va., reported on his recent visit here. Dr. Russell spoke at the November meeting giving a complete outline of the work of the American Church Institute for Negroes and its nine schools, including St. Paul's, which his father founded 54 years ago. The school has a fine hospital of 26 beds, and a Negro doctor and nurse. There are 62 teachers at St. Paul's, all Negroes, and 982 students.

St. Paul's is more of a technical school now for teachers in Virginia must have

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Woman's Auxiliary Calendar

Unless otherwise indicated all meetings here listed will be held in Church House, 202 South 19th Street, Philadelphia

Luncheon-meeting every Wednesday at 12:30 P. M. for Woman's Auxiliary Committee's officers and guests

Friday, December 12

10.30 A. M.—Elizabeth Price Martin League for Service, Episcopal Hospital Unit, at the hospital.

Wednesday, December 17

10.30 A. M.—Foreign Committee.
2.00 P. M.—Department of Christian Social Relations.

Monday, December 22

2.00 P. M.—Elizabeth Price Martin League for Service, Philadelphia General Hospital Unit, at the home of Mrs. Patrick Doyle, 1112 South 53rd Street.

Wednesday, December 31

10.30 A. M.—Indians' Hope Association.

Wednesday, January 7

10.30 A. M.—Diocesan Committee.
10.30 A. M.—Committee on Negro Work.

Wednesday, January 14

10.30 A. M.—Domestic Committee.
6.30 P. M.—Diocesan Evening Auxiliary Supper, Holy Trinity Parish House, 217 South 20th Street.

Junior WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

By MARJORIE HEIM

Publicity Chairman

THE forum and informal discussion held at the November meeting of the Junior Woman's Auxiliary proved helpful to the parish groups represented in formulating their program for the year.

The meetings this fall have not been well attended. For this reason it was decided to return to the more intimate atmosphere of the Church House for our meetings. The Executive Board takes this opportunity to thank the Rev. Dr. E. Frank Salmon and the vestry of Holy Trinity Church for the use of Holy Trinity Parish House, and we hope in the near future to have large enough meetings to accept their hospitality.

The happy privilege of having supper with the Evening Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary in Holy Trinity Parish House at 6.30 P. M. prior to our meetings will be continued and we hope more young women will take advantage of this opportunity.

The meeting in Church House on December 10 was addressed by the Rev. Harvey D. Butterfield, rector, St. Luke's, Germantown, on "How to Pray." This was an inspiring meeting. The diocesan

programs for the remainder of the year will be developed around the theme, *Witnesses to the Power of God through Prayer and Service.*

One hundred eighty children will be the recipients of Christmas gifts and cheer from the Junior Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese. More than 100 are in the Church School by Mail, and 65 are City Mission charges. The Evening Committee is co-operating in this project with Miss Maria Samuel in charge. Mrs. Frank Knapp, Supply Chairman for the Junior Woman's Auxiliary, and a committee will be in charge of wrapping and mailing these gifts. In addition Juniors will look after the needy in their parishes and send cheer to the Harrison Home and Byberry.

JUNIORS! How about a special Christmas Party for China Relief? You've heard of the big campaign in Philadelphia to raise \$250,000 toward the \$5,000,000 sought by United China Relief. All woman's groups in our Church have been asked to help. A tea with a Chinese student as special guest, a mah-jong party, or just a party with Chinese entertainers would be great fun. For further suggestions and help in obtaining speakers, etc., contact Miss Mary Amo, 1506 Walnut Street.

Miss Julia Hill, chairman for the Junior Woman's Auxiliary, and members of the Executive Board will be glad to be responsible for new parochial Junior groups. They will supervise the first few meetings until the group gets under way and will help them plan their programs for the work of the Woman's Auxiliary. This plan is being used most successfully at the present time with a new group at

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Important Dates

Dec. 28-Jan. 4—Reunion week for young people.

Jan. 10—Y. P. F. Dance, Penn Athletic Club.

March 8—Diocesan All Youth Service.

April 14—3rd Annual Card Party for Christian Social Service.

May 20—11th Annual Dinner Meeting.

June 15-19-June 22-27—Woman's Auxiliary Conference, Shrine Mont, Orkney Springs, Va.

Prayer and Worship in the HOME

FORWARD IN SERVICE FOR EPIPHANY, 1942

THE Diocesan Forward in Service Commission is urging all parishes in the Diocese to set aside the Epiphany season for emphasis on *Prayer and Worship in the Home*. The commission is suggesting that a special service for parents be held in each church on Epiphany, Tuesday, January 6, 1942, or within the octave. Such a service should be held at a time that is most convenient for the individual parish. The sermon or address at the service could be on the subject of *Prayer and Worship in the Home*.

The Forward Movement Commission is issuing an attractive pamphlet, similar to the Forward Day by Day pamphlet for the various seasons. This pamphlet will have in it an introduction followed by suggestions for a form of family prayer for each day in the week. There also will be a number of special prayers. There will be suggested Bible readings and a list of hymns to be found in the Wayside Hymnal that are suitable for parents and children to memorize. These pamphlets will be available from the Forward Movement Commission, Sharon, Pa., later this month. The cost will be less than 5 cents.

The Diocesan Forward in Service Commission suggests that one of these leaflets be placed in each family in the Diocese. It has been suggested that the cooperation of the Woman's Auxiliary and the church school be secured in each parish in seeing that these pamphlets are placed in every home.

That family worship has nearly disappeared from the homes in our Church is evident. Many reasons can be given for the disappearance of this custom—shyness and inertia, the struggle against social processes that would destroy all that Christianity would build, time schedules, the pressure of school and household duties and work.

However, the realization is being forced upon us that it is only as we take time to come into the presence of God that family life can mean all that God wants it to mean. Just as religious education is the prime responsibility of parents, so family worship is a necessity if family life is to be measured by spiritual rather than material values. The practice of family worship will go far to revitalize the spiritual life of the Church as a whole and will enable us all to go Forward in the Service of Him who is the Father of that greater family to which we all belong.

What we begin in Epiphany should

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NOT merely in matters material, but in things of the spirit.

Not merely in science, inventions, motors and skyscrapers, but also in ideals, principles, character.

Not merely in the calm assertion of rights, but in the glad assumption of duties.

Not flaunting her strength as a giant, but bending in helpfulness over a sick and wounded world like a Good Samaritan.

Not in splendid isolation, but in courageous co-operation.

Not in pride, arrogance, and disdain of other races and peoples, but in sympathy, love, and understanding.

Not in treading again the old, worn, bloody pathway which ends inevitably in chaos and disaster, but in blazing a new trail, along which, please God, other nations will follow, into the New Jerusalem, where wars shall be no more.

Some day some nation must take this path—unless we are to lapse once again into utter barbarism—and that honor I covet for my beloved America.

And so, in that spirit and with these hopes, I say with all my heart and soul, AMERICA FIRST!

G. ASHTON OLDHAM.

be carried on throughout this year and every year. Only a church made up of followers of Christ every day in the home and in work and every Sunday in corporate worship in the church can be worthy to be the instrument of God's redeeming power.

E. FELIX KLOMAN

New Rector's Warden Named at Christ Church, Ridley Park

The Rev. Frederick A. Warden, rector of Christ Church, Ridley Park, has appointed George H. Berlin rector's warden to succeed the late C. M. Chestnut. Mr. Berlin resigned the office of accounting warden to which the vestry has elected J. Edward Galloway. Thomas G. Greaves was named Every Member Canvass chairman and Earle W. Deppich and S. Crozier Fleming were appointed to assist him.

Diocesan Altar Guild Loans Field Altars to Six Chaplains

The Altar Guild of the Diocese met at Church House, 202 South 19th Street on the third Monday of each month at 2:30 P. M. These meetings have been of great value in drawing Altar Guild members together, in increasing reverence, in setting higher standards and assisting our smaller churches and missions. After brief devotions the routine business is transacted; new business is discussed, as well as plans for the future. Speakers are invited to talk on matters of special interest to Altar Guilds.

At the meeting opening the Fall-Winter work last October, the Rev. Dr. J. B. McNeil, of St. Paul's Church, Evanston, Wyo., gave an inspiring account of the work being done in the Wyoming Mission field, filling all present with a greater missionary zeal.

At the November meeting our Bishop brought his greetings and spoke of the great need in the world today of truly consecrated Christians.

During the last year urgent appeals have been received from our army and navy chaplains for portable altars. Altar Guild has supplied, up to this time, fully equipped altars to the following:

MAJOR PERCY G. HALL, Chaplain, 1st Engineers, Indiantown Gap, Pa.

CAPTAIN CHARLES H. URBAN, Chaplain, 108th Field Artillery, Indiantown Gap, Pa.

LIEUT. COL. RAYMOND LANG, Chaplain, Camp Edwards, Mass.

LIEUT. WILLIAM B. STIMSON, 30th Infantry Division, Ft. Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

REV. EDGAR L. PENNINGTON, U. S. Navy Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.

REV. HENRY E. BRENDENRIHL, 2nd Cavalry Division, Fort Riley, Kans.

In addition altar supplies and vestments have been given to:

REV. DONALD STUART, 27th Division, Fort McClellan, Ala.

REV. LEON A. SHEARER, U.S.S. Griffith

LIEUT. COL. FREDERICK P. HOUGH, Chaplain in Chief, 28th Division, Indiantown Gap, Pa.

The portable altars are the permanent property of the Altar Guild of the Diocese and are loaned for the period of the war, after which they will be used in our mission fields.

November being the month for annual meeting, the election of the following officers for the next three-year period took place:

President, MRS. SUMNER H. CROSS.

First Vice-President, MISS ELIZABETH S. NEWHALL.

Second Vice-President, MRS. LEVISA MANN.

Secretary, MRS. SHIPLEY THOMAS.

Treasurer, MRS. CLAYTON McELROY.

As has been a custom for many years an autumn evening meeting was held on Wednesday, November 12th. Thro-

the kindness of the Rev. Dr. Franklin Joiner, the service was held in the chapel of S. Clement's Church, beginning at 5:30 P. M. The members brought box suppers.

The Rev. Dr. Frank L. Vernon, rector of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, conducted the service which afforded a great opportunity for re-dedication to our Lord. There were three meditations, each followed by a period of quiet, and the rule of silence was observed during supper. Eighty members were present.

HELEN E. SPRECHER.

Some Anniversaries

A number of anniversaries have been observed in parishes and missions of the Diocese this fall, but because of lack of space mention of them had to be omitted from previous issues of THE NEWS. Their omission was not in any way an oversight. It is the purpose of the following list to give due notice of them:

September 7

Old St. David's, Radnor, observed its 227th anniversary.

September 21

St. Peter's-in-the-Great Valley celebrated its 242d birthday.

October 18

St. Luke's, Newtown, marked the 109th anniversary of its founding.

October 26

St. Mark's, Frankford, celebrated its 109th anniversary.

St. Jude and the Nativity was 97 years old and celebrated fittingly.

Chapel of the Mediator honored its founder, the late George C. Thomas, on its 34th birthday.

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November 1

Calvary Church, monument to Bishop White, 41st Street above Brown, began an eight-day observance of its 95th anniversary.

November 2

St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, celebrated its 239th anniversary.

November 9

The Rev. Arthur F. Gibson, attended by the entire membership of Robert W. Bracken Post and auxiliaries, American Legion, Bristol, Pa., of which he is chaplain, celebrated the 12th anniversary of his rectorship of Christ Church, Eddington.

St. Martin's, Oak Lane, observed completion of a half century of service to the community on its 50th anniversary.

November 12

St. Barnabas', Germantown, held a double celebration commemorating the birthday of its rector, the Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas, and its own 37th anniversary.

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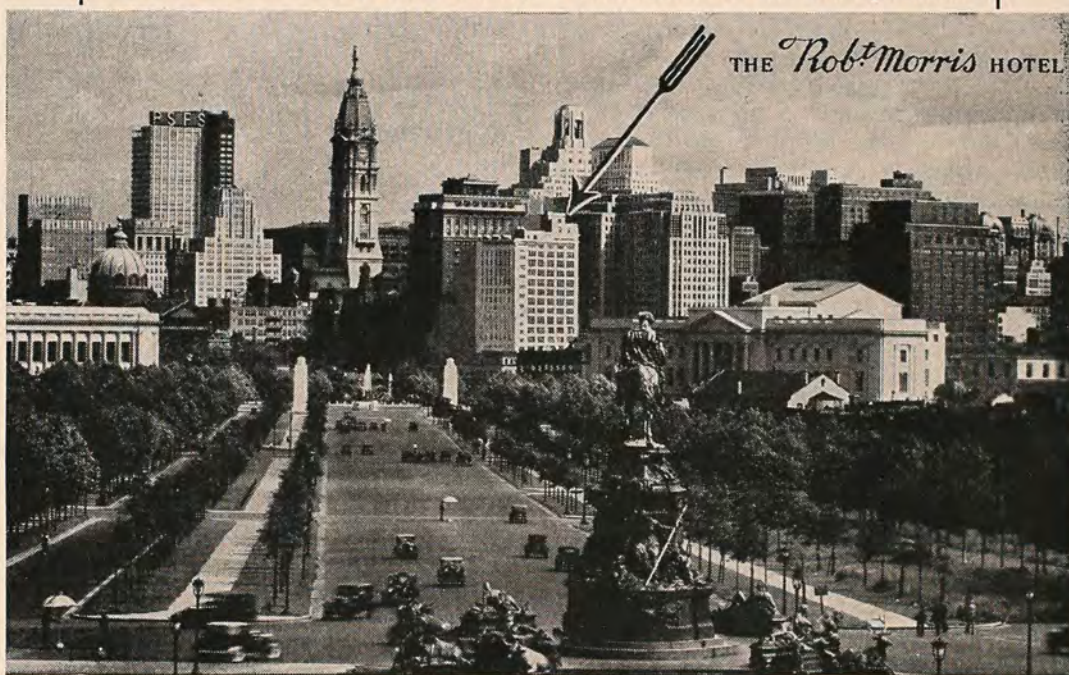
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A Chapter Concerning "Lightness, Unseemliness and Irreverence" as Applied to Compositions Played in the Marriage Service

THE last few years have seen enormous advances in the movement to improve the music of our Church. Those in charge of the music have a real desire to set a standard of repertoire and performance, and are making real progress; this is due in no small measure to the almost universal co-operation of the clergy, and, with exceptions, of course, congregational approval.

Unfortunately, this is not the case with the music for weddings. Far from realizing that marriage is a Sacrament of the Church, most people seem to regard it as a sort of family function, and as such, subject to the personal whims, likes and dislikes of all remotely concerned.

Most people are unfamiliar with the literature of the organ, and generally seem to have only a foggy notion of what they wish played. For some reason, everything must be "familiar" to everyone, and the "familiar" pieces generally turn out to be:

a) Thoroughly bad pieces, which should be not only discouraged but definitely forbidden by the clergy of the church concerned. In this group falls the inevitable *O Promise Me, At Dawning, Liebestraum*, etc., all bad, musically as well as liturgically.

b) Those pieces which may not be thoroughly bad musically, but which, because of their hackneyed nature, or their secular associations, should be ruled out. Selections from opera, Wagnerian, and particularly Italian and French (e. g. *Meditation from Thais*) are definitely in bad taste.

c) Orchestral pieces with which an increasing number of people are becoming familiar are doubtful, largely because the average organist cannot be expected to do them well, and most organs are inadequate for their performance.

Some of the clergy have been eminently successful in instructing people in a proper regard for the marriage ceremony; unfortunately, the quality of music has lagged far behind the general

attitude, and most weddings suffer from the music, which exercises such a profound effect on the general tenor of the service. The professional organist can have little influence in this situation without the co-operation of the rector of the church. All of which leads to a special plea to the clergy.

Canon 48, "Of the Music of the Church," leaves little doubt as to the responsibility of the clergy towards the music to be used in the church. "It shall be his (the Minister's) especial duty to suppress all light and unseemly music, and all irreverence in the performance." There is no question as to what is "light and unseemly music," and armed with this information, the clergy should take advantage of the authority given them by the Church to discourage, even forbid, the performance of

most of the sentimental ballad cheap music used at so many weddings.

A word to the organist. Remember that at all times you are responsible to the church for the music you play and perform. Although it should be the privilege of the people to be married, consult with you regarding the music, your responsibility to them goes so far as will allow of no conflict with the type of music which should be permitted by any church. The practice of allowing an outside organist to come and play music which is a positive disgrace to the church should be forbidden by all church authorities.

It is difficult to compile any completely satisfactory list of pieces which may be recommended for the purpose, but a small list of suggestions of the kind of thing which is desirable will be given. A few general suggestions may be made:

a) Pieces which are definitely judged on decent musical and liturgical standards, should, as has been said, only be discouraged, but be definitely forbidden. (e. g., *I Love You At Dawning, O Promise Me*, etc.)

b) Pieces of which the secular association is bad should be ruled out. Operatic selections and school and college songs are not fitting.

c) Solo singing should be discouraged, it not only tends to produce a bad effect on the quality of music, but calls undue attention to a liturgically unauthorized practice, always a bad practice in a church service. The average singer has a very limited repertoire of pieces even remotely suitable to the occasion, and he will not

Suggested Anthems for Christmas and Epiphany

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25

There Were Shepherds—Glory to God (Messiah), Handel; *Hodie! Today Christ Is Born*, Willan; *Of the Father's Love Begotten*, Eric Thiman.

HOLY INNOCENTS

December 28

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart, Davies; *Blest Are the Pure*, Thiman, Cooke-Jephcott; *Souls of the Righteous*, Noble, Banks, Caley, Fry.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 4

Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem, Steane; *The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me*, Elgar; *Praise the Name of the Lord*, Ivanoff, Tschaikowsky.

Hymns and Carols are omitted, as their selection is more or less obvious. It is suggested that the Oxford Carol Book may be consulted.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 11

Lo, Star-Led Chiefs, Crotch; *Great Love, Ireland*; *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, Bach.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 18

From the Rising of the Sun, Ouseley; *Grant Us Thy Peace*, Mendelssohn; *Psalm 150*, Franck.

CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

January 25

How Lovely Are the Messengers, Mendelssohn; *Lo, Round the Throne*, arr. by Ley; *Glorious in Heaven*, Whittaker, Vittoria.

accept a strange organist's suggestions for a substitute piece.

d) Music between the betrothal and the marriage should be confined to hymns. Nothing is more improper than the use of a secular piece at this point.

e) Soft playing of the organ throughout the service is definitely in bad taste; it serves only to distract from what should be the real center of attention—the marriage service.

Any program of improvement must be thought of in terms of years, for it will be many years before we can rid our church weddings of the bad music which now so thoroughly characterizes them. Some suggestions as to a program of reform may be made:

a) Obviously, organist and clergy must be in agreement as to what is to be desired. Each must try to respect the other's judgment, and be of sufficient humility to take advantage of the other's superior knowledge and training.

b) Prospective brides and, of course, their mothers, should be encouraged to discuss the music with the organist, or with whomever may be the best qualified person, often the rector, in an attempt to improve the quality of the music.

c) Try to institute some program of education in the parish, or at least to call people's attention to a situation which now leaves so much to be desired. The Parish Council, which has been formed in so many parishes as a result of Forward in Service, would seem to be an excellent place to institute such a reform, particularly since this year's emphasis is on worship and the services of the Church.

Following is a very small list of pieces, suggestions of the sort of organ music which is definitely in good taste, and fitting to the service which it precedes:

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Bach (Oxford).

Wedding Piece, Farrar (Oxford).

Wedding Hymn, J. Barnby.

Largo, Allegro and Two Variations, Festing (Novello).

Messe de Marriage, Theo. Dubois.

Seven Simple Organ Pieces, Milford (Oxford).

Five Fancies, Ponsonby (Oxford).

Celtic Melody, Morris (Novello).

Canon in B Major, R. Schumann.

Cantilene, Pierne (Durand).

Meditation, Harry Banks.

Siciliano, Bach (Stainer and Bell).

Air: When Thou Art Near, Bach (Stainer and Bell).

Priere, J. Jongen.

Air in D, Bach (any arrangement).

Suite, Wesley (Novello).

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IN MEMORIAM

LEAF—Mrs. Edward Bowman Leaf, for many years national secretary and local president of the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses, an organization to inspire and develop the spiritual aspect of nurses' life and work, and an active member of St. Mark's parish, died November 14 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry E. Howell, Rosemont, after an illness of several weeks. She was 75.

Mrs. Leaf was one of the founders of the Women's City Club and a charter member of the Art Alliance and the County League of Women Voters. She also founded the Organization for Household Research Work and in the first World War organized and headed a corps of 100,000 Negro war relief workers under the Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania. She founded the Association for the Protection of Colored Women.

Besides Mrs. Howell, another daughter, Mrs. Upton Favorite, four grandchildren and a great-grandchild survive her. Funeral services at St. Mark's Church on November 17 were followed by services at St. Michael's Chapel, Birdsboro.

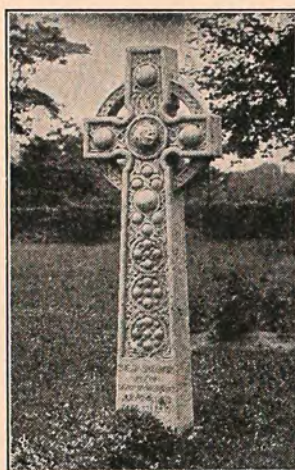
MORRIS—Samuel Wheeler Morris, one-time vestryman at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, and later at St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, died at his home, Edge Hill, in Chestnut Hill, on November 29 after a long illness. He was 67. Member of a family that has been distinguished in Philadelphia for generations, Mr. Morris, after graduating from St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., and Haverford College, entered the banking business and from 1914 until his retire-

ment in 1929 he was secretary of the Girard Trust Company. He was one of the founders of the Penn Athletic Club and a member of the Philadelphia Club, Merion Cricket Club, University Barge Club and Sunnybrook Golf Club. Surviving him are his wife, the former Mrs. Agnes A. Coleman, of Groton, Mass., and a son, by his first marriage, Samuel Wheeler Morris, Jr. Funeral services were held December 2 at St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, with the Rev. George A. Trowbridge, rector, and the Rev. Canon Ernest C. Earp, rector of Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, officiating jointly.

REX—John Rex, vestryman at St. John's, Norristown, and a Deputy to Diocesan Convention from 1927 to 1931, died

at his home in Norristown on November 18 after a brief illness. He was 87. Mr. Rex was secretary of the Norristown Water Company, and a member of the Sons of the Revolution. His widow, Clara, and a son, John, Jr., survive. Funeral services were held in St. John's November 20, with the Very Rev. J. M. Niblo, rector, officiating.

SYKES—Harry H. Sykes, for 13 years a vestryman at St. Alban's, Roxborough, and a member of the Roxborough Male Chorus, died November 12. He was 55. His wife, Mabel, a son, Hilton, and a daughter, Jane, survive him. Funeral services were held in St. Alban's on November 15, with the rector, the Very Rev. N. Herbert Caley, officiating.



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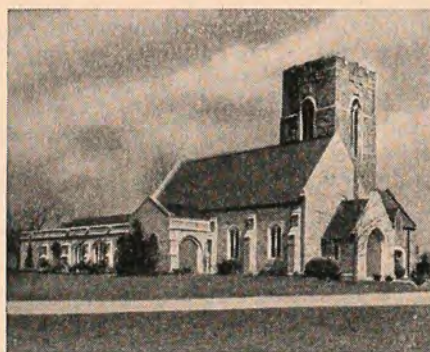
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The Board of Council of the City Mission, upon accepting Dr. Jefferys' resignation, adopted the following minute:

It is with profound regret that the Board of Council of the Philadelphia Protestant Episcopal City Mission has received the resignation of William H. Jefferys, M.D., its beloved Superintendent, to become effective February 2, 1942.

Dr. Jefferys came to the City Mission on February 2, 1917, after a rich and fruitful career in the foreign missionary work of our Church and will have completed twenty-five years of service on February 2, 1942. Through all the years he has continued to be the true missionary in vision and in spirit, and under his inspiring leadership the City Mission has continued to uphold and to advance the great traditions of our Church in ministering to the souls and bodies of men.

The work of an institution like the City Mission may be carried on in a perfunctory manner, emphasizing the practical and material, ministering to the bodies but not the souls of men. Under the leadership of Dr. Jefferys all of the work of the City Mission has been raised to a high spiritual level in motive and effectiveness so that it ministers to the souls as well as the bodies of men and not only in the name but also in the spirit of Christ. Dr. Jefferys has presented the healing power of the Church in a most attractive, winning and appealing form and in so doing he has made the City Mission a great spiritual force throughout the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He has carried on all phases of his work as Superintendent with profound faith, rare skill and unyielding patience; he has imbued the members of his staff in all departments with a fine sense of enthusiasm and consecration in their work and has labored with them in the spirit of Christian fellowship, leading them to see great visions.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Council record their deep appreciation of Dr. Jefferys' continued service, realizing that, though suffering at times from painful illness, he has continued to carry on his work with fine courage, Christian cheerfulness and patience, and do gratefully and proudly evidence their recognition of the notable achievements of the City Mission through twenty-five years under his leadership. We who are members of the Board of Council will continue through the years to regard Dr. Jefferys as our friend and counselor in all that concerns the welfare and progress of the City Mission and assure him of our best wishes and earnest prayers that he may enjoy many years of happiness, free from the burdens of office and the pains of ill health.

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Dr. W. H. Anthony Resigns; Accepts Connecticut Post

The Rev. Dr. William H. Anthony, rector of St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville, for 13 years, has resigned to accept the rectorship of St. Peter's Church, Monroe, Conn., on January 1.

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December 14—Third Sunday in Advent
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Afternoon—Philadelphia, All Saints, Cres-
centville
Evening—Philadelphia, St. John Free

December 17—Wednesday
Evening—Media, Christ

December 18—Thursday
Evening—Cheltenham, St. Aidan

December 21—4th Sunday in Advent
Morning—Philadelphia, St. Peter, German-
town
Afternoon—Philadelphia, All Souls
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Barnabas, Ken-
sington

December 28—Holy Innocents
(1st Sunday after Christmas)
Morning—Whitemarsh, St. Thomas
Afternoon—Philadelphia, Emmanuel, Ken-
sington
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Ambrose

January 4—2nd Sunday after Christmas
Morning—Weldon, St. Peter
Afternoon—Philadelphia, St. Paul, Ara-
mingo
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Matthew, Fran-
cisville

January 7—Wednesday
Evening—Philadelphia, Christ, Franklin-
ville

January 8—Thursday
Evening—Philadelphia, Nativity Chapel,
Germantown

January 11—1st Sunday after Epiphany
Morning—Philadelphia, Epiphany, Ger-
mantown
Afternoon—Philadelphia, Messiah
Evening—Philadelphia, Holy Innocents,
Tacony.

January 14—Wednesday
Evening—Andalusia, Redeemer

January 15—Thursday
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Augustine

January 18—2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Morning—Philadelphia, Good Shepherd,
Germantown
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Gabriel

January 21—Wednesday
Evening—Philadelphia, St. John, Oak Lane

January 22—Thursday
Evening—Philadelphia, St. George, Venango

January 25—Conversion of St. Paul
(3rd Sunday after Epiphany)
Morning—Philadelphia, St. Martin, Chest-
nut Hill
Afternoon—Philadelphia, St. James the
Less
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Timothy's, Rox-
borough

January 28—Wednesday
Evening—Philadelphia, St. George, Rich-
mond

January 29—Thursday
Evening—Philadelphia, St. Luke, Kensing-
ton

Colesberry House Dedicated By Bishop at St. Martha's

At ceremonies marking the celebration of the 40th anniversary of St. Martha's House, 8th Street and Snyder Avenue, on November 19, Bishop Taft dedicated the completed alterations of the building adjoining St. Martha's at the north, now known as Colesberry House.

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THE CHURCH NEWS *Movie Index*

Dependable Reviews and Evalua- tions of Current Motion Pictures

THE CHURCH NEWS offers its readers each month a family motion picture guide, which sets a high standard for frank and honest appraisals of current motion pictures. It is a digest of the opinions of reviewers representing one of the most important women's organizations in the country. Parents may place complete reliance upon it as a measure of the merits of films for their own and their children's entertainment and edification. It is suggested that these pages be preserved for reference. The Movie Index is based on "Motion Picture Reviews," published monthly by the Women's University Club of Los Angeles at 943 South Hoover Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

How the Signals Work

A—For Adults	5—Possible
Y—For Adolescents	6—Questionable (in
from 12 to 16	spots or en-
C—For Children 8	tirely)
to 12	7—Too mature for
1—Excellent	many in this
2—Good	age group
3—Fair	8—Too tense for
4—Good of its type,	many
i. e., Mystery,	9—Poor
Comedy, West-	No—Unsuitable, or
ern, etc.	no interest

Appointment for Love—Charles Boyer and Margaret Sullavan in a clever, romantic comedy based on a social problem which is amusing. The situations are delightful and the characters human and attractive. A-1. Y and C—No. (Univ.)

Birth of the Blues—A and Y-2. C-3. (Par.)
Burma Convoy—A-3. Y and C—No. (Universal.)

Buy Me That Town—A and Y-3. C-7. (Par.)

Chocolate Soldier—Nelson Eddy and Rise Stevens sing their way through a misleadingly titled production based on Molnar's "The Guardsman," with music and lyrics from "The Chocolate Soldier." The comedy is delightful, the music excellently reproduced and performed, and, in spite of sophistication which does not recommend it for children and young people, it is good entertainment. A-1. Y and C—No. (M-G-M.)

Driftin' Kid—Typical "horse opera," swift riding, lots of gun play on the Mexican border. A and Y-5. C-8. (Monogram.)

Dude Cowboy—A and Y-5. C-2. (RKO.)

Dumbo—A, Y and S-1. (Disney.)

The Feminine Touch—Don Ameche and Rosalind Russell in a comedy based on the college football-scholarship theme, which is given a surprising twist. Ameche gives the outstanding performance in the picture as a college professor. Smart clothes and gracious settings add a touch of glamour. A-2. Y and C—No. (M-G-M.)

The Gay Falcon—A and Y-2. C-7. (RKO.)

Henry Aldrich for President—A-3. Y and C—No. (Par.)

Hold Back the Dawn—A-1. Y and C—No. (Par.)

Honky Tonk—A-1. Y and C—No. (M-G-M.)

How Green Was My Valley—The rarely beautiful literary quality of Richard Llewellyn's novel of life in a Welsh mining village during Queen Victoria's reign has been retained in this moving picture of family love

and solidarity. The naturalness of the removes the performances from the sp of acting until it seems as though life it were unfolding before one, and Director J. Ford, by emphasizing intimate family relationships, kindly humor, and individual age rather than stark tragedy, has given an indelible impression of happiness inst of waste and destruction.

It is the story of a family and its environment revealed through the eyes of a sensitive and intelligent boy, who sees his beloved green valley ruined by the creeping slag from the mills, the peaceful, kindly neighbors bittered by privation and want, his far separated by economic necessity and desire. Because of his youthful viewpoint, his troubles and loss seem less important to his memory of the indestructible influence of his home life and its setting in the beautiful valley as he knew it first. An adult realize that a well-loved, well-lived past gone and can never be regained, but he had captured the beauty of this past treasured it as a beacon to guide him always forward. It is singularly moving and de significant.

Dialogue is sparingly used, Mr. Ford pending more upon action, beautiful music and notable photography to tell his story. In a superlative cast, Sara Allgood, Donald Crisp, as the parents, and Robert McDonald, as Huw, are unforgettable, with Walter Pidgeon, as the minister, and John Loder, as Ianto, are also exceptionally fine. A and Y-1. C-2. (20th Century-Fox.)

I Killed That Man—Clever mystery with swift moving action, but far too tense to be recommended as a family picture. Adults, however, will like Ricardo Cortez and supporting cast. A-2. Y and C—No.

International Lady—A-1. Y-4. C-8. (Univ.)

International Squadron—Another attempt to glorify the smart-aleck ne'er-do-well in a trivial and unpalatable film. A-5. Y and C—No. (Warner Bros.)

It Started With Eve—A and Y-1. C-2 (Univ.)

Ladies in Retirement—A-1. Y and C—No. (Col.)

Lady Be Good—A-2. Y-6. C-7. (M-G-M.)

Lady Scarface—A-3. Y and C—No. (RKO.)

Look Who's Laughing—A, Y and C-1. (RKO.)

Lydia—A-1. Y and C-7. (U.A.)

Maltese Falcon—A perfect cast with Sydney Greenstreet as a superbly sinister villain and Humphrey Bogart turning in one of the best performances of his career makes this mystery based on Dashiell Hammett's well written novel outstanding entertainment. John Huston deserves credit for both the play and its direction. A-1. Y and C—No. (Warner Bros.)

Man at Large—A-3. Y-5. C—No. (20th Century-Fox.)

Married Bachelor—A young husband becomes involved as a phoney radio expert in marital problems and has to pretend bachelorhood to capitalize on publicity. His wife turns the tables on him and through his own advice brings him to his senses. The story is smoothly written, and Robert Young and Ruth Hussey are charmingly romantic. A-1. Y and C—No. (M-G-M.)

The Mexican Spitfire's Baby—A-3. Y-5. C—No. (RKO-Radio.)

Moon Over Her Shoulder—A slap-happy domestic comedy based on the well-worn theme of the expert on marital problems who has no time for his own wife. It is light, frothy entertainment for adults. A-1. Y and C—No. (20th Century-Fox.)

New Wine—A-1. Y-2. C-7. (Gloria-U.A.)

New York Town—A and Y-3. C—No. (Par.)

Nothing but the Truth—A-2. Y-3. C—No. (Par.)

One Foot in Heaven—A, Y and C-1. (Warner Bros.)

Prime Minister—John Gielgud and Diana Wynyard treat those who see this biographical study of the life of Disraeli to some fine acting. In spite of long speeches, the film is interesting because it covers points which have a vital bearing on the present world situation—the acquisition of Cyprus and the Suez Canal, Disraeli's encounter with Bismarck. Fay Compton is a praiseworthy Victoria. A-1. Y-2. C-7. (Warner Bros.—First Nat.)

Private Nurse—A and Y-9. C—No. (20th Century-Fox.)

Riders of the Purple Sage—A and Y-4. C-8. (20th Century-Fox.)

Sailors on Leave—A and Y-5. C—No. (Republic.)

Scattergood Meets Broadway—A and Y-2. C—No. (RKO.)

Silver Stallion—Boy horse thief meets girl, who reforms him under the spell of her love. Good horse photography. A and Y-4. C—No. (Monogram.)

Sing Another Chorus—A and Y-2. C—No. (Universal.)

Skylark—With less talented actors than Claudette Colbert, Ray Milland and Brian Aherne this film version of the stage play would be quite impossible. Smart dialogue is depended upon to a great extent to carry the picture along. It's the old story of the pampered society woman who turns to a dangerous, attractive man, to relieve her boredom. A-2. Y and C—No. (Para.)

Smilin' Through—A and Y-2. C—No. (M-G-M.)

South of Tahiti—Unexacting audiences will enjoy the adventure of three tough sailors out of Singapore who go pearl hunting, are shipwrecked and rescued by the beautiful daughter of a native chief. A-2. Y and C—No. (Univ.)

Sundown—A and Y-1. C-6. (U.A.)

Suspicion—The masterful genius of Raymond Hitchcock has built another startling psychological mystery thriller with a splendid cast of fine actors, including Cary Grant, Joan Fontaine, Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Dame May Whitty. Music and photography both are used to emphasize the quality of suspense. Action builds toward such a terrific climax that the ending is a relief from emotional strain. A-1. Y-7. C—No. (RKO-Radio.)

Swamp Water—Into Georgia's vast Okefenokee swamp wanders young Ben Ragan in search of his dog. To the ordinary hazards of the jungle swamp is added the danger from Keefer, a desperate outlaw, who holds him prisoner. Ben learns that his captor is wanted for a crime committed by others, and they form a strange partnership which eventually leads them out to the settlements with another chance for Keefer.

This is stark drama well done. The characters are the unpolished back-country folk with only a few showing the kindlier virtues. The formidable swamp, taken on location in Georgia, makes a fascinating background. The plot is well motivated and the dialogue excellent. Walter Brennan is able, as always; Dan Andrews is well cast; Walter Huston is convincing as the stern but devoted father, and Mary Howard gives a gentle, fine interpretation of the stepmother. Strong direction creates an atmosphere of terror and suspense. A-1. Y and C—No. (20th Century-Fox.)

Target for Tonight—Filmed with the full cooperation of the Royal Air Force, under the direction of Harry Watt, this is an English documentary film which gives a detailed account of the R. A. F. in action over Germany. It is a fascinating picture, which because of its stark realism packs more excitement than any fictional film could hold. No one seeing it can fail to have added appreciation and respect for the ability and splendid morale of Britain's young sky fighters. A, Y and C-1. (Warner Bros.)

Texas—A and Y-1. C-4. (Col.)

This Woman Is Mine—A, Y and C-9. (Universal.)

Two Latins From Manhattan—A and Y-2. C-3. (Col.)

Unexpected Uncle—A-3. Y and C—No. (RKO-Radio.)

Unfinished Business—A-2. Y and C—No. (Univ.)

Unholy Partners—Why so much time and talent are spent in producing films of no more value than this is hard to understand. Edward G. Robinson and Edward Arnold again are cast as characters of the most unsavory type, one the publisher of a vicious yellow newspaper, the other the gangster who backs him. A, Y and C—No. (M-G-M.)

Week-end in Havana—A-2. Y and C—No. (20th Cent.-Fox.)

When Ladies Meet—A-1. Y and C—No. (M-G-M.)

A Yank in the R. A. F.—A and Y-1. C—No. (20th Century-Fox.)

You Belong to Me—The insane behavior of a rich playboy who is jealous of his wife's

professional associations makes diverting entertainment in this production in which Henry Fonda's expressive pantomime is so unexpected and hilarious that the dialogue is frequently lost in the uncontrolled laughter aroused by his antics. The husband buys a bankrupt hospital to busy himself with its management and to allow his wife to continue her medical career uninterrupted by his tantrums. Barbara Stanwyck is the wife and the supporting cast is excellent under Wesley Ruggles' direction. A-1. Y and C—No. (Col.)

You'll Never Get Rich—A and Y-1. C-5. (Columbia.)

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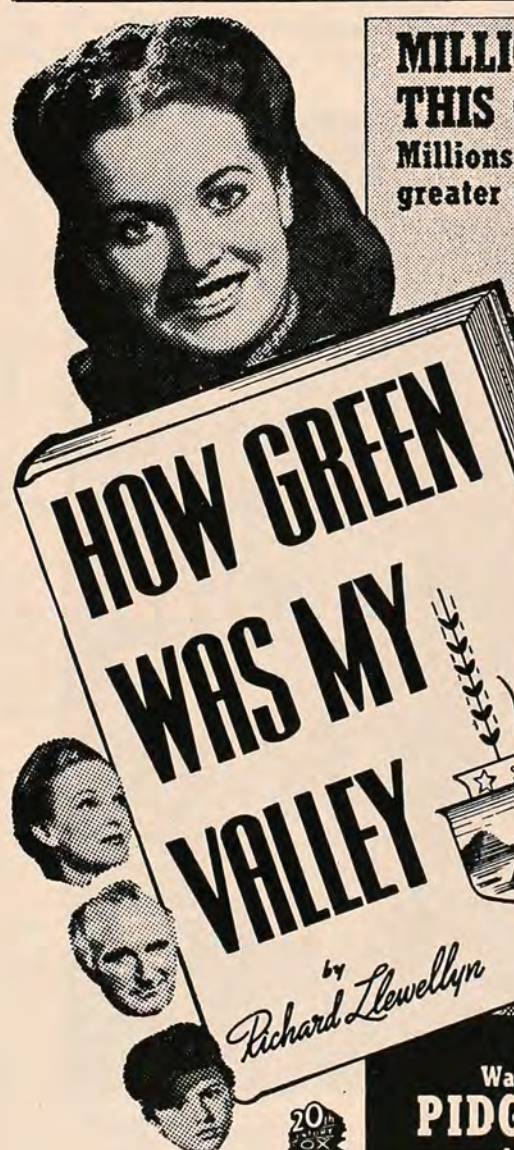
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Junior WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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St. Giles', Stonehurst. About twenty young women attended the first meeting, at which Miss Hill presided, and presented a general outline of Auxiliary work. This was followed by a social period to help all become acquainted. At subsequent meetings various phases of Auxiliary work will be presented by other chairmen. The group immediately wanted to share in the special Christmas work of the diocese.

Please let us help you start a group of young women in your parish.

Miss Dorothy Warnock, of St. John's, Lansdowne, has been appointed representative of the Junior Woman's Auxiliary on the young women's committee of the Woman's Interdenominational Union of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

Supply Program

The Junior Woman's Auxiliary has taken as its project for the year St. Luke's Hospital, Ponce, Puerto Rico. For the most part, we are making surgical dressings, and have received promises from many of the parishes to help with this work.

Parish News

Calvary, Germantown—Mrs. Francis R. Packard, diocesan president, spoke about plans for the Auxiliary. . . . A corporate Communion was well attended and one every other month is planned. . . . There was a good representation of our young women at the Educational Conference service. . . . We are undertaking a more thoughtful devotional program by studying the Forward in Service booklet *We Can Pray*. An Armistice Day quiet period was conducted in the church by our devotional chairman. . . . Our customary Christmas box is being sent to Neve Hall, Va.

St. John's, Lansdowne—On November 6 we held a successful oyster supper. Due to the hard work of the chairman, Miss Gertrude Sullings, her co-chairman, Miss Dorothy Warnock, and the whole group, a profit of \$68 was realized.

St. Luke's, Newtown—This group headed by Miss Frances Warren, has resumed its fall meetings. At the October meeting, *Parliamentary Procedure* was the topic. Printed programs were distributed by the program chairman, Mrs. Lewis Sasse, II, who has prepared a busy and interesting work for the year. Mrs. J. Holcombe Geunung, promotion chairman for the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese, was a guest at the November meeting. Plans were made for each member to bring three small articles to the next meeting to be sent to Harrison Home for Christmas. A Thanksgiving offering of \$10 was given to Episcopal Hospital.

St. Giles, Stonehurst—This new young group visited the Home of the Merciful Saviour for crippled children and plans to take a Christmas party and entertainment to the children there in December.

St. John's, Cynwyd—A meeting for new members was held on November 17. The eight new members present were inspired and eager to begin auxiliary work after listening to an informative talk by Miss Julia E. Hill, our diocesan chairman.

Resurrection, Philadelphia—On October 20, the group visited the Kikushima Tea Room, at 1620 Spruce Street and enjoyed the Japanese dish, sukiyaki, learning to use chop sticks. Afterwards they wrapped bundles for British women at the British War Relief Society headquarters.

Corporation to Stir Interest In Work Among Collegians

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confirmed members of the Diocese to their way of thinking. In order to do that they are going to ask every clergyman and rector in the Diocese to have one of the members of the speakers' committee visit his parish on a Sunday morning and preach on the importance of religion in the colleges.

Because of the missionary nature of this endeavor they hope to do the greater part of the preaching in the Sundays following the Epiphany. Their aim is not to collect funds but to enlighten the people.

Members of the speakers' committee include:

The Rev. E. Felix Kloman, rector, Christ Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. J. Clemens Kolb, Chaplain and Boardman Lecturer on Christian Ethics, University of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. J. Howard Jacobson, Chaplain to Episcopal Students, University of Pennsylvania; Canon, Cathedral Church of Christ.

Robert L. Trescher, Deputy, Provincial Synod; lawyer, member of firm of Montgomery and McCracken.

The Rev. Robert D. Morris, Chaplain, Episcopal Hospital.

The Rev. Charles Martin, Chaplain, Episcopal Academy, Assistant Minister, Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr.

The Rev. Charles W. Schreiner, D.D., Head-Master, Church Farm School; rector, St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland.

Spencer Ervin, member of Standing Committee; Vice-President of Executive Council, Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Earl L. Griggs, English Department, University of Pennsylvania.

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The Rev. Abel J. Arkin was honored by a congregation of approximately 500 persons on November 23 when a special service was held in St. George's Mission, Richmond, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of his appointment in charge of the mission.

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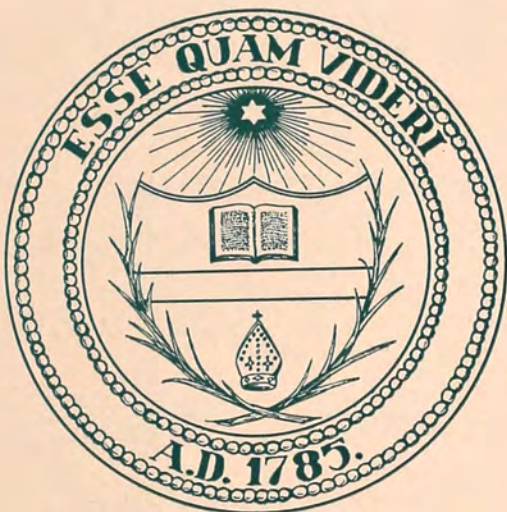
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